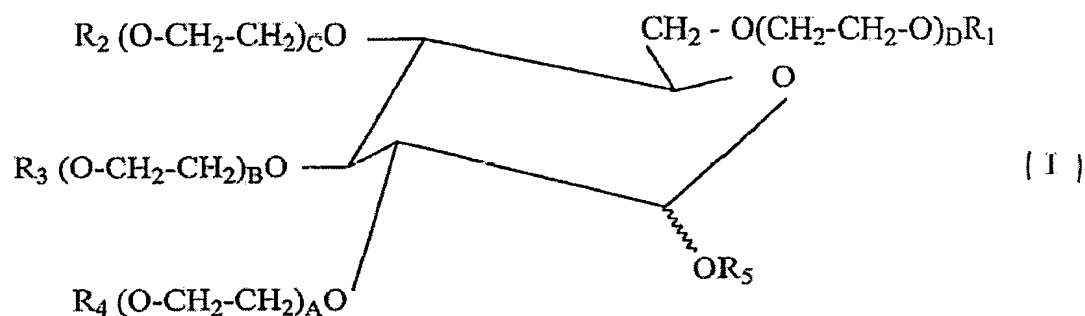


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What is claimed is:

1. A mixture of fatty acid esters of an ethoxylated alkylglucoside of formula

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wherein the sum of A, B, C and D is from 30 to 40, each  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  independently is hydrogen or  $-C(O)-M$ , wherein M is a  $C_{11}$ - $C_{29}$  alkyl or alkenyl, and  $R_5$  is a  $C_1$ - $C_5$  alkyl, provided that the ethoxylated alkylglucoside on the average comprises from 2.1 to 2.8  $-C(O)-M$  groups.

2. The mixture of Claim 1 wherein the sum of A, B, C and D in formula I is from 30 to 40.

3. The mixture of Claim 2 wherein the sum of A, B, C and D in formula I is 35.

4. The mixture of any one of Claims 1 to 3 wherein the ethoxylated alkylglucoside on the average comprises from 2.3 to 2.5  $-C(O)-M$  groups.

5. The mixture of any one of Claims 1 to 4 wherein M in formula I is a  $C_{17}$  alkenyl group.

6. The mixture of any one of Claims 1 to 5 wherein  $R_5$  is methyl.

7. A cosmetic composition comprising the mixture of fatty acid esters of any one of Claims 1 to 6.

5           8. The cosmetic composition of Claim 7 being a skin cleansing composition.

9. Use of the mixture of fatty acid esters of any one of Claims 1 to 6 as a refatting agent in a cosmetic composition.

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10. A process for preparing the mixture of any one of Claims 1 to 6 comprising the steps of:

i) reacting an alkylglucoside with from 10 to 60 moles of ethylene oxide per mole of alkylglucoside and

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ii) reacting the ethoxylated alkylglucoside with from 2.1 to 2.8 moles of a saturated or unsaturated  $C_{11}$ - $C_{29}$  fatty acid or a  $C_{1-4}$ -alkyl ester thereof.